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## Calhoun County minister chosen as pastor of the year

By William H. Perkins Jr.

Danny Spratlin, bivocational pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church, Calhoun Association, has been selected as the Mississippi Baptist Convention's Outstanding Small Church Pastor of the Year for 1995.

Pleasant Ridge Church is the first pastorate for Spratlin, who is also a self-employed carpenter. He has served the church for four years.

Resident membership of the church has grown from 57 to 70 people under Spratlin's leadership, and Sunday School attendance has increased from 19 to 45 people. Baptisms have increased from none to two per year.

Offerings at Pleasant Ridge Church have grown to over

\$30,000, and the membership recently adopted a first-time budget of \$28,000. Missions giving to the Cooperative Program (CP) and Calhoun Association has increased 150% during Spratlin's pastorate.

In addition, the church has:

- remodeled the church building and choir area.
- installed new sanctuary pews.
- started Sunday night services.
- organized a Brotherhood men's ministry group.
- reinstituted Vacation Bible School after a 15-year absence.
- adopted the Southern Baptist "Hope for Hurting Humanity" emphasis to address ministry needs in the church's community.
- conducted a Witness Involvement Now (WIN) school to train believers on how to share their faith.

Spratlin serves Calhoun Association as Brotherhood director and missions development director, and holds membership on a number of association committees.

He is also the construction coordinator for the new Calhoun associational center currently being built in Calhoun City.

Wayne Gullett, director of missions for Calhoun Association, nominated Spratlin for the award.

"The best way to sum it up is to say this church has come alive and begun to be a church again and to minister to the community. He is a hard-working, loving, and caring pastor," Gullett said.

Spratlin and wife Faye, who is

city clerk for Calhoun City, were recognized July 7 during the first Growing Churches Conference at Gulfshore Assembly in Pass Christian.

Spratlin received an engraved plaque honoring his work, a pair of books on church ministry, and complementary admission to the Growing Churches Conference, all courtesy of the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB).

The department coordinates the Outstanding Small Church Pastor of the Year award for the state of Mississippi under a Southern Baptist Convention emphasis that began in 1987 to highlight the work of pastors of churches with 300 or fewer members.

Matt Buckles, consultant in the Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, praised Spratlin's accomplishments at Pleasant Ridge Church.

"Many Mississippi Baptists don't realize the tremendous contributions made by bivocational pastors and church staff members in our state. About 40% of our churches in Mississippi have bivocational pastors, and I hope Bro. Spratlin's recognition will bring the importance of that fact home to Baptists around the state," Buckles said.

For more information on the award program or on bivocational ministries, contact Buckles at MBCB, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Telephone: (601) 968-3800, or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651.



Danny Spratlin (center) pastor of Pleasant Ridge Church in Calhoun County, accepts the Outstanding Small Church Pastor of the Year Award July 7 from Matt Buckles (left), consultant in the Church Administration/Pastoral Ministries Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Spratlin's wife Faye (right) holds the two books her husband was given as part of his award. (Photo by William H. Perkins Jr.)

## Greene church marks 100th

Pleasant Hill Church, Greene Association, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on Aug. 20.

Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. Morning worship service will be held at 10:45, followed by dinner on the grounds. The afternoon service will begin at 1:30.

Dan Hembree, former pastor, will be the guest speaker for the morning service. Ethridge Turner of Eight Mile, Ala., will lead the music.

A representative of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission will be present to recognize the church's centennial.

For more information, call the church at (601) 525-3786. Frank Serda is pastor.

## Home away from home...

Churches in college towns often host student activities as part of their ministries to students away from home.

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, will host a "College Welcome Sunday" on Aug. 27 with special student emphases in its worship services and Bible studies, as well as a Welcome Weekend fellowship. To become involved in the college ministry at Morrison Heights, or for more information, call the church at (601) 924-5620.

The Heritage Baptist Church in Annapolis, Md., opens its doors to students attending the Naval Academy there. To put a midshipman in touch with the church as well as with the Baptist Student Union on the academy campus, write Heritage Baptist Church, 1740 Forest Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401; or call Phillip Bush, pastor, at (410) 263-6680.

## Baptists in paradise

With year-round temperatures in the 80s and travel brochures touting the Eden-like qualities of Hawaii, who wouldn't want to go there for mission work? "We'd probably get 15-20 letters a month from people saying they felt called to Hawaii, without any understanding of what all that means," said Veryl Henderson, former state director of missions in Hawaii who now serves in the same job for Colorado Baptists. "It's hard to explain to a person the different factors. The first year is very traumatic; once you get past the honeymoon stage..., living in Honolulu is just like living in any other big city. It has all the human social problems of any other city," he said. O.W. Efurd, Hawaii Baptist Convention executive director, said, "Some (Southern Baptists) come with the attitude that they're going to teach the natives all they know, and that attitude will have difficulty." Southern Baptist work in the 50th state continues to move forward, however, with a successful \$1.75 million fund-raising effort recently completed among 106 churches already in existence across Hawaii.

## Pastors: Lighten up!

Dennis Swanberg, the new special assistant to the president of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, has an important message for pastors — you don't laugh enough. The former pastor of First Church, West Monroe, La., drives home his point when speaking to ministers with stories like, "I learned to take my glasses off when I preach, and they think, 'What a man of God, a scholar, a man of intellect,'... and all I'm trying to do is remember if the Cowboys come on at 12 or 3." Swanberg also performs masterful imitations of people like Don Knotts, Ronald Reagan, and Ross Perot that force his audience to loosen their laughter. He said ministers' wives often tell him, "Since before he went into the ministry, he hasn't laughed like that." Swanberg urged pastors not to let their sense of duty smother the delight in what they do. "There ought to be a joy that filters through every aspect of our lives because of Christ — real joy. He (Christ) did it for us with joy, and for joy, because we are his joy. He didn't allow the cross or the shame to rob him of his joy."

## Looking Back...

### 10 years ago

A 9-foot Baldwin concert grand piano, built for the Governor's Mansion in 1901 and owned by Parkway Church, Jackson, for the past 58 years, is refurbished and donated to Gulfshore Assembly during dedication services at the state campground.

### 20 years ago

Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department at the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is elected president of the New Orleans Seminary Music Alumni Association during the group's annual meeting at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Assembly.

### 50 years ago

Talulla Church, Deer Creek Association, is organized with 40 members. State missionary Martin J. Gilbert holds a baptismal service in the waters of Deer Creek for 15 members of the new church, including a mother and all five of her children.



# EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

## A braver soldier

History books are magnetic for some people. It is a joy indeed to blow the dust from the faded volumes of century-old books and read of our forefathers.

Mark Perrin Lowrey was born in 1828 and died 56 years later. He worked hard and wore homemade clothes in his youth. He made a profession of faith when he was 17 and was baptized in the Farmington Church near Corinth. A year later he joined a group of volunteers bound for the Mexican War.

When he was 21 he married Sarah Holmes. At that time he had never been to school six months in his entire life. With the encouragement of his wife he studied many nights and at age 24 entered the ministry.

His dear wife said, "Well, if you are going to be a preacher, don't be a half-way preacher. I'll take care of the family, you go to your books."

He became an excellent preacher and helped to organize the church at Corinth. During the War between the States, he was elected captain of the volunteers from his area, and later was made colonel of the 32nd

Mississippi Regiment. He won his brigadier star at Chickamauga. It was said, "A braver soldier never graced a battlefield." He was once introduced by his general as "the bravest man in the Confederate Army." Interestingly enough, Lowrey did not believe in slavery but he did believe in states' rights.

After the war he was an evangelist for several years. He wrote for several Baptist papers and decided to open a school for girls.

In 1877 he and his wife opened a school at their country home and called it the Blue Mountain Female Institute. He preached, taught, and even served for 10 years as president of the state convention. He served as a trustee at Mississippi College, and the doctor of divinity degree was conferred upon him by MC.

His sermons abounded with illustrations of his war experiences. Once in the "sad post-bellum days" he electrified his congregation with an outburst of eloquence: "I love Mississippi; I love her people with whom I have lived in prosperity; I love her name; I love her glorious dead, lying in

unmarked graves on every battlefield of the Confederacy; yes, I love her very soil, and when I think of her sufferings, I could bow down on my knees and kiss her sacred soil."

M.P. Lowrey died suddenly in 1885, leaving six sons and five daughters. His grave is a mile from his beloved Blue Mountain College; his students have erected a lovely monument there.

However, a monument of stone is not his real legacy. That legacy is to be found in the hundreds of graduates who have graced mansions and mission fields — teachers, businesswomen, medical personnel, yea in every honorable profession they have made their mark.

The season of fall is approaching. Already the sweet gum leaves are turning red and puffs of cotton will soon be appearing. Students are sighing as summer ends and school begins. The crusty old general would be pleased. Our abounding gratitude goes to M.P. Lowrey and to those who follow after him in Christian education. They, too "... love Mississippi... and her people."

## Mississippi Baptists and Christian Education

In a few weeks over 45,000 Baptist young people will enroll in state universities, community colleges, and private institutions of higher learning in the state. The Mississippi Baptist Convention has a deep interest

in and concern for the education of our youth. This is evidenced by our support of three Baptist colleges and a Department of Student Work (BSU) which will serve on all campuses.

According to the SBC Handbook (1993) Mississippi Baptists have \$45,625,797 invested in property and \$22,102,444 in endowment funds. Total budgets for the three colleges was over \$38,443,128 last year. Education is big business.

Through the Student Work Department, the convention works on the campuses of 34 colleges with a total budget of \$1,152,935. The BSU directors are vital members of the

education team; parents and students should call on them. Jerry Merriman and Weaver McCracken and 32 BSU directors lead in this.

An additional \$175,000 is provided for the Ministerial Education Board, headed by Ernest Turcotte and his committee. Baptists in Mississippi take seriously the command "to teach." Educated leadership in church and state is our hope for tomorrow.

Nationwide we help in supporting six seminaries, and overseas we help support 2,307 kindergartens enrolling 85,390 students; 1,265 elementary schools enrolling 334,600; and 194 secondary schools enrolling 266,739. There are 11 colleges with 17,183 students. The SBC Foreign Mission Board is related to a total of 3,830 schools with a total enrollment



### THE FRAGMENTS

## If it weren't for bad luck...

Last April the pickup driven by Jake Landon, 42, skidded off the Adirondack mountain road into a ravine. He was unconscious for two days but finally dug himself out.

Unable to remember who he was or where he was, he began crawling. His right foot was severely injured. He managed to catch a few fish, trap several squirrels, and survive for three weeks.

Finally he stumbled to a road, where he collapsed and was later brought back to civilization. Jake's troubles had just started.

His story caught the attention of "Humans for the Sensitive Treatment of Animals." The group pressured the state of New York to bring charges against Jake Landon for extreme cruelty to animals, specifying the known death of 10

squirrels and an indeterminate number of fish. Each count of the class-A felony charges carries a mandatory sentence of nine years.

The state is expected to argue that "moving about elevated his caloric requirements." Had Landon conserved his energy he would have needed only berries and perhaps one small fish, the state will say.

According to the "Center for the Study of Popular Culture" as quoted by the AFA Journal (American Family Association, based in Tupelo), poor Jake is still in for it. He faces a third-degree charge of failure to wear a seat belt and 21 federal charges of building campfires on unapproved sites. Jake must be hungry to get back to the wilderness.

— GH

of 703,912 students. Baptists believe in education.

The majority of Baptist students in Mississippi will go to state-supported schools. It is vital that we support our student ministry in addition to our denominational schools. We can help Baptist schools by guiding students toward Baptist schools, by providing funds through our Cooperative Program

giving, and by endowments and special gifts.

Our finest assets in the Magnolia State are our youths. They must be educated and we must provide the facilities and professors to accomplish this. The cost is great. The cost of not doing it would be much greater. Christian leadership is essential today and the demand will be greater for tomorrow. — GH

### BSU directors

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# WMU beginning nationwide AIDS material distribution

By Jim Jones

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (ABP)** — When Baptists have a hard job to do, they can always count on women to be in the forefront. So it is not surprising that the 1.2 million members of the Woman's Missionary Union are beginning a nationwide AIDS education program.

The program, Dare to Care, doesn't officially begin until October, but churches from Texas to Maine are already receiving educational materials on how to help those suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Some pious religionists have called AIDS a curse from God — punishment for homosexual lifestyles and the promiscuity of heterosexuals. But most Baptists and other evangelicals don't go that far. Their faith compels them to assist people in trouble, regardless of their circumstances.

"We don't try to be judgmental in any of our materials in the AIDS project," said Trudy Johnson, special projects director of the Birmingham, Ala.,-based Woman's Missionary Union, an independent auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

But the AIDS education program of the women's group does promote traditional morality — including sexual abstinence — as a way of preventing the disease. Training materials from the women's group and other Baptist agencies emphasize that sexual contact and blood transfusions are the major ways of

contracting AIDS.

Worshiping or praying with a person with AIDS won't give you the disease, the materials state. Cards asking for prayers for specific persons who have AIDS are also included. Information is given on setting up care teams and church education programs.

In February, the Woman's Missionary Union will sponsor a nationwide collection of items needed by AIDS hospices as well as money for services. The money will be donated to an AIDS hospice in Victoria, Brazil.

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### Search pilot Cannata said victims' rescue "a miracle"

**IRINGA, Tanzania (BP)** — Missionary pilot Mike Cannata pled for God's help Aug. 6 and scarcely 10 minutes later flew over a remote spot where five Southern Baptist kidnap victims had been left drugged in Tanzania the day before.

Kidnapped were Foreign Mission Board missionaries Sandra Harrington, 35, of Newport News, Va., and David Moreland, 50, and Mildred Moreland, 43, of Monroe, La.; Harrington's daughter, Christine, 10; and Joanna Giddens, 10, daughter of FMB missionaries Ed and Nancy Giddens of Sepulveda, Calif.

The pilot arranged a rescue from the ground after spotting the abductees — missing since an Aug. 5 carjacking — at the edge of a wild game park outside Morogoro, Tanzania. The five were in good health and recovering at the home of a missionary friend Aug. 7.

"That was a miracle. That was just the Lord. He just guided the plane," Cannata told Baptist Press in an Aug. 7 telephone interview from Tanzania.

The kidnap victims had been

taking a rest stop along the main dirt road through the Mikumi National Park Aug. 5 when three armed men approached them. Harrington's husband, Bill Harrington of Richmond, Va., had walked away from the car and was returning when he saw bandits beating David Moreland and forcing others into the car.

Meanwhile, the bandits had driven their five hostages out into the bush where the thieves robbed them and forced them to ingest a powdered drug to make them sleep. The assailants then drove off into the bush, leaving the five to fend for themselves with night falling rapidly.

The attackers had roughed up the missionaries and repeatedly threatened their lives, Moreland said. Moreland was struck in the face with a gun butt. The threats ended, however, when the bandits learned the Morelands and Harrington were missionaries, he said.

Meanwhile, missionaries cooperated with police in a search that ran well into the night. The plane search started after daybreak.

Cannata had been flying about 45 minutes when he realized there was too much area and too many roads for a party of planes to search, let alone the sole plane he was piloting. He couldn't even see the five vehicles on the ground searching with him.

"I started praying: I said, 'God there is just no way I'm going to be able to find these people today. You're going to have to show me,'" related Cannata, son of retired FMB missionaries to Africa Sam and Ginny Cannata, originally from Houston, Texas, and Hollandale, Miss.

A narrow dirt track had made an impression on him when he first came into the area, he said. After flying the length of one of the roads missionary colleagues had agreed to search, he doubled back. African guides suggested the pilot go another way, but Cannata said, "I saw this road, and I want to go down it."

"I want God to get the glory," Cannata said. "He literally kept the lions away, and he helped us find them (abductees) in good time."



### MBMC's BSU Executive Council

Students enrolled at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center's (MBMC) Schools of Medical Technology and Radiography have the opportunity to participate in Baptist Student Union activities, including Bible study, noon-day devotions, and fundraising for BSU summer missionaries. Executive Council members for 1995-96 are (left to right): front row, Lajena Rivers, Tracey Logan, Carrie Kaldon, Kimberly Moore; second row, Kathryn Bear-den, BSU director, Jennifer Adams, Carissa Selph, Kayla Kimble, and Amy White. Not pictured are Allison Pasvantis and Robin Walters. (See Christian Education emphasis on page 4.)

### Agri-missions foundation celebrates quarter century

Agricultural Missions Foundation will celebrate 25 years of existence at a meeting at First Church, Greenville, on Aug. 18. It will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 2 p.m.

This meeting will feature two agricultural missionaries, Jeff Palmer, director, Asian Rural Development Foundation, headquartered in the Philippines and Ron Baker, director and founder of the "Baptist Rural Development Model in Indonesia." Jim Watson, president and son of agricultural missionary Harold Watson, will preside. He invites area farmers, agriculturists, and educators who are interested in direct mission involvement to be present.



J. Palmer

Agricultural Missions Foundation was organized at First

Church, Greenville, in 1970, following a conference on agricultural missions. The principal speaker was the late Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Also appearing on the program was Sammy Simpson who now lives in Tupelo and at the time was an agricultural missionary in Ecuador. Simpson told of the help he had received from farmers and friends in the area who donated machinery and livestock for his demonstration farm in Ecuador.

Following the meeting, and under the leadership of the late Owen Cooper, a committee was appointed and plans were made to organize Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd. The original incorporators included, in addition to Owen Cooper, Jerry Clower and Gene Triggs.

Murry Alexander, charter member of Agricultural Missions Foundation, Ltd. and member of First Church, Greenville, will serve as host for the meeting.



Baker

### Miss. gifts to CP up 5%

July Cooperative Program (CP) gifts of \$1,683,058 raise gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches to \$13,480,202, according to Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, which disburses the money.

The July total is \$111,770 more than that given last July. The seven-month total is \$651,557, or 5.08% more than that given in the same period of 1994.

The pro rata amount is \$293,031, or 2.22% ahead of budget. The pro rata budget is figured by taking the 1995 budget of \$22,606,579, dividing by the 12 months of the year, then multiplying by the number of months elapsed.

Of the CP gifts given by the 2,000 participating churches in the state, 37% goes to SBC causes outside Mississippi. The rest goes to such items as church and associational leader training, Christian higher education, and missions camping programs.

### SBC CP gifts up for year

**NASHVILLE (BP)** — Cooperative Program gifts for July dropped 2.68% below the same month a year ago, but the totals for the year-to-date still are above the previous year by 2.02%, according to Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer of the SBC Executive Committee.

CP gifts for the month of July totaled \$11,708,855 compared to July of 1994 of \$12,030,817, a drop of \$321,962 or 2.68%. For the 10 months of the SBC's fiscal year, the totals stand at \$121,023,134 compared to the same period a year ago of \$118,630,576, an increase of \$2,392,558 or 2.02%.

The SBC's fiscal year is from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Designated gifts for July were up a whopping 32.55% over the month a year ago: \$5,624,435 compared to \$4,243,380 — a \$1,381,055 increase.

That leaves the year-to-date designated totals at \$127,328,164 compared to a year ago of \$123,452,486, an increase of \$3,875,677 or 3.14%.



# Mississippi Baptist Education

## Blue Mountain College to open August 27 for autumn studies

Blue Mountain College (BMC) officially begins its 1995-96 academic year on Aug. 27.

Orientation and registration will take place Aug. 28; classes begin Aug. 29. The Student Government Association will host a party with the theme "Together We Are BMC" in the Paschal Student Center during orientation week.

Three new members join the BMC faculty/staff this year: Xavier Retnam, Renita Speck, and Mary Frank Kirkpatrick.

Retnam will serve as associate professor of mathematics and chair



of the Mathematics Department. He comes to BMC from Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind.

Speck, of Baldwin, will serve as Cockcroft Dormitory hostess. A BMC graduate, she formerly worked in the physical education department of Baldwin Public Schools.

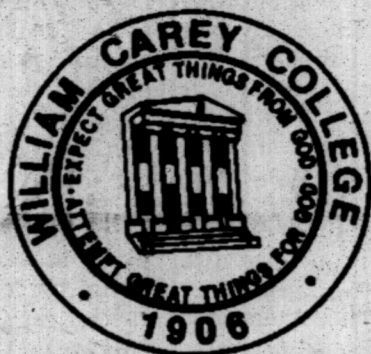
Kirkpatrick will serve as Ray Dining Hall and Stevens Dormitory hostess. A Noxapater native, she was a foreign missionary to Nigeria and Liberia, West Africa from 1955-82.

A special workshop for freshmen and transfer students, "How to Survive in College," will be held Aug. 27 from 3-5 p.m. in the Broach Student Union building.

## William Carey College records summer enrollment increase

Final 1995 summer enrollment figures for William Carey College show an increase of 7% as compared to 1994 enrollment. A total of 1,514 students are currently registered, an increase of approximately 100 students over 1994 results.

According to Tom Scarbrough, vice president of student services, graduate enrollment is up significantly for the 1995 summer session.



"We are continuing to be very market-oriented in our enrollment strategies," Scarbrough stated.

"Our latest Hattiesburg endeavor of opening the Cloverleaf Mall Center for our Adult Learning Program for students who are 25 years of age or older, is another way that William Carey College is addressing the educational and economic needs of the mid-South region," he said.

## Mississippi College's semester registration to begin August 28

Mississippi College will open its doors for its 170th session on Saturday, Aug. 26. Registration will begin Monday, Aug. 28, in the A.E. Wood Coliseum and continue through Wednesday, Aug. 30. All classes begin on Aug. 31.

Registration on Aug. 28 — from 4:30-6:30 p.m. — will be for students attending night classes only. Day students taking only one night

class are asked to register for that class along with their day classes.

Seniors and freshmen report for registration on Aug. 29 according to the following schedule: seniors, A-G, 8:30 a.m.; H-P, 9:30 a.m.; Q-Z, 10:30 a.m.; freshmen, A-G, 1:30 p.m.; H-P, 2:30 p.m.; Q-Z, 3:30.



Juniors and sophomores will register Aug. 30 according to the following schedule: juniors, A-G, 8:30 a.m.; H-P, 9:30 a.m.; Q-Z, 10:30 a.m.; sophomores, A-G, 1:30 p.m.; H-P, 2:15 p.m.; Q-Z, 3 p.m.

Graduate and non-degree students may register at any of the times listed. Forms are available in the B.C. Rogers Student Center any time prior to registration.

Evening school registration is also scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Rogers Student Center.

For more undergraduate information, call (601) 925-3240. For graduate school information, call (601) 925-3225.

## Enterprise's Pine Hill notes 150th

Pine Hill Church, Enterprise (Clarke), will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Aug. 27.

Morning worship will begin at 10:30. Paul Kirk Gautier, former pastor, will be the guest speaker.

Other activities will include a reading of the church history by Joe H. Speed, and a covered dish dinner in the fellowship hall at noon.

A special singing will begin at 1 p.m. There will be no night service.

Chester Carlisle is pastor.

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3.	Oklahoma Baptist University	2,550,000
4.	Louisiana College	2,439,444
5.	Ouachita Baptist University	2,225,125
6.	Belmont University	2,150,800
7.	Carson-Newman College	2,150,800
8.	Union University	2,150,800
9.	Mississippi College	2,081,667
10.	Mercer University	1,982,694
11.	Mobile, University of	1,704,991
12.	Wayland Baptist University	1,600,000
13.	Dallas Baptist University	1,570,000
14.	William Carey College	1,557,374
15.	Hardin-Simmons University	1,513,000
16.	Houston Baptist University	1,496,000
17.	Mary Hardin-Baylor, University of	1,436,000
18.	East Texas Baptist University	1,424,000
19.	Howard Payne University	1,412,000
20.	Cumberland College	1,327,495
21.	Southwest Baptist University	1,216,514
22.	California Baptist College	1,128,440
23.	Georgetown College	1,113,427
24.	Charleston Southern University	1,086,804
25.	Campbell University	991,938
26.	Meredith College	968,800
27.	Wingate College	912,732
28.	William Jewell College	910,218
29.	Mars Hill College	909,150
30.	Gardner-Webb College	908,429
31.	Chowan College	879,054
32.	Campbellsville College	800,880
33.	Judson College	771,215
34.	Anderson College	744,833
35.	Brewton-Parker College	736,440
36.	North Greenville College	734,078
37.	Blue Mountain College	703,704
38.	Williams Baptist College	670,177
39.	Missouri Baptist College	605,518
40.	Hannibal-LaGrange College	506,750
41.	Truett-McConnell College	503,381
42.	Bluefield College	478,935
43.	Averett College	471,436
44.	Shorter College	469,764
45.	Richmond, University of	330,064
46.	Grand Canyon University	218,712
47.	Virginia Interment College	207,681
48.	Yellowstone Baptist College	9,500
49.	Furman University	0
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August 10, 1995

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## *State Missions Mississippi... 1995*

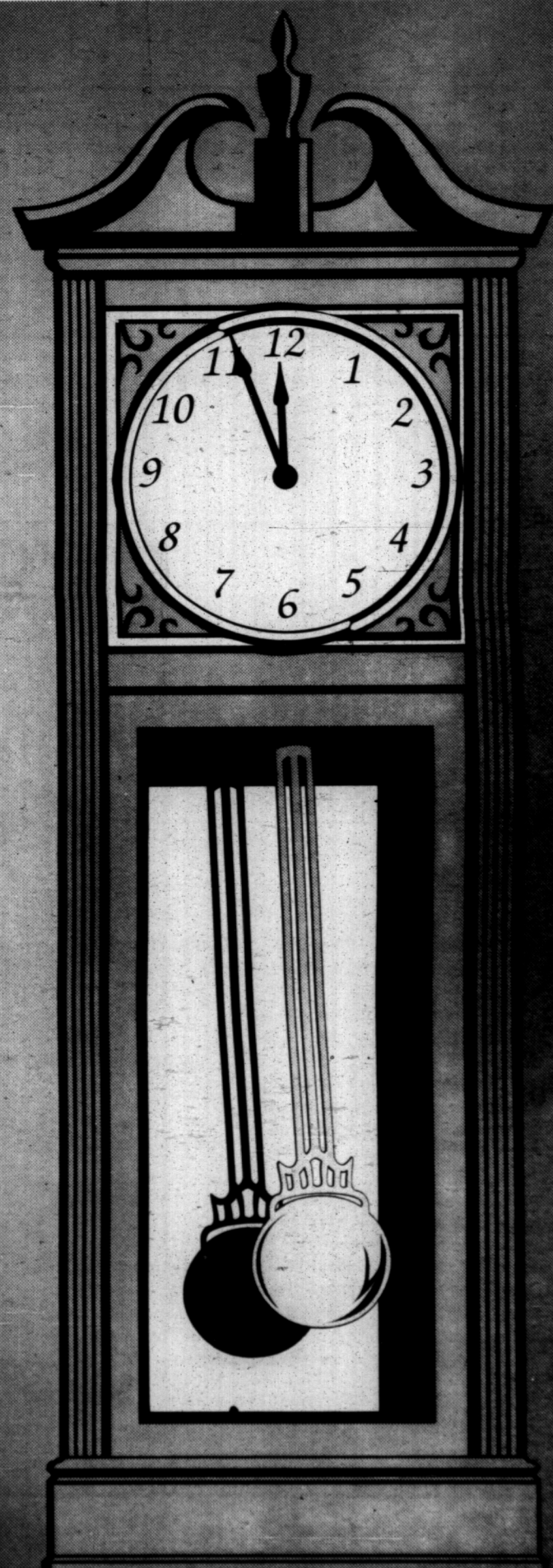
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*September 10-13, 1995*

*State Goal \$705,350*

### **MARGARET LACKEY STATE MISSION OFFERING GOAL 1995**

New Missions.....	\$174,000	Criminal Justice Ministry .....	\$12,350
Central Hills .....	\$194,000	Pastoral/Church Building Aid .....	\$40,000
Camp Garaywa .....	\$175,000	BSU Work with Black Students.....	\$20,000
Disaster Relief .....	\$35,000	Multi-Housing Ministries .....	\$10,000
Special Ministries to Multicultural Missions....	\$15,000	Missions Awareness .....	\$10,000
Parchman Ministry .....	\$20,000	<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$705,350</b>





# Pray this day... August 20-September 9

Season of Prayer for State Missions - that time in the middle of September every year when we look at special things we do in Mississippi, when we pray for that work, and when we give the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions - that time when we strengthen the home base from which we reach to the whole world - the calendar dates for observance are September 10-13 - let us pray for the work covered in the allocations of the offering - information came from the materials provided to be used in the observance of this time of prayer.

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for churches to set goals for the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions	for individuals to be willing to help meet the goal	for the 14 churches currently using mobile chapels made possible by this offering	for Central Hills' part of the offering - in 1994 2,983 people enjoyed the camping facilities there	for Camp Garaywa's part of the offering - in 1994 9,266 enjoyed the camping facilities there	for people who benefit from the provision of basic expenses for disaster units operated by the MBCB to provide food and childcare	for special ministries to multi-cultural missions: piano lessons for Choctaw Indian children to provide music for their churches, camp scholarships are made available for RA and GA camp, assistance for training for African American women to attend leadership conferences, some help for securing missions literature and training materials
20	21	22	23	24	25	
for the prison ministry at Parchman under the leadership of Charles and Hazel Jones, especially for weekly discipleship studies for new Christians with an average attendance of 110	for the criminal justice ministry to assist churches and associations in developing a ministry to local jails and prisons	though they are not a part of the state missions program and allocations, we need to pray today for the executive committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as they meet this morning, and for the entire Convention Board as they meet this afternoon	now, back to state missions allocations, pray for churches receiving temporary help when unusual circumstance like fire or storms have caused damage beyond their ability to deal with	Baptist Student Union work with black students as they see the campus as a mission field	for work in multi-housing ministries along our Gulf Coast under the leadership of Dottie Williamson	that the Lord will provide leadership, both employed and volunteer, in the areas of our state where the need is so great in these areas covered in our Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions
27	28	29	30	31	1 <i>September</i>	
for yourself that you will be willing to give sacrificially to this offering	and, now, moving away from state missions, pray for all the folks who are working to begin two new missions partnerships in January	for leaders in Venezuela, our new South American partnership	for leaders in Colorado, our new state convention partnership	for volunteers who can participate in these partnerships to begin to hear God's call	for folks who cannot participate physically in these, but can help make it possible for someone else to go	for students all over our state preparing for See You at the Pole scheduled for September 13
3	4	5	6	7	8	9



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Styles of Leadership (Bill Causey)  
Homebound (Sunday School)  
Mind of Christ - Overview (David Carter)  
KidShare (Linda Reeves)  
\*MasterLife - Monday - Thursday (Terry Martinez & John Temple)  
Effective Committee Work (James Ryan)  
Cross-Cultural Training  
Previews Bible Study (Sunday School)  
Leading Men's Ministry (Jim Didlake)  
Institute for Home & Foreign Mission Study (Marjorie Kelly)  
Fresh Encounter - Overview (David Carter)  
Children's TeamKid (David Morrow)  
Preschoolers at Church (Don Hicks)

### Tuesday

Developing A Formal Structure for Ministry (James Ryan)  
Developing a Media Ministry  
Growth Spiral (Bill Gambrell)  
Institute for Home & Foreign Mission Study (Marjorie Kelly)  
Experiencing God - Overview (David Carter)  
Sharing God's Special Plan with Children (Linda Reeves)  
Church Council Mission Statement (Julius Thompson)  
Going Where the People Are (Bill Gambrell)  
The Five Love Languages - Overview (David Carter)  
Pre-teen Experiencing God (David Morrow)  
Church Administration (James Ryan)

Going One-On-One (Jerry Smith)  
Associational Disaster Relief Training (Brotherhood)  
WMU Emphasis Book - Tuesday & Wednesday (Jane Allison)  
DiscipleLife (Wes Pegues)  
Exploring 1 & 2 - Overview (Don Hicks)  
Preschool TeamKid (David Morrow)

### Wednesday

Preaching the Old Old Story in a New Way - Thursday (Harold Bryon)  
Seven Laws of the Learner  
\*Leading Experiencing God (Youth Edition) - Wednesday & Thursday (BSSB)  
Truth Work for Children (David Morrow)  
Life Support - Overview (David Carter)  
Children's TeamKid (David Morrow)  
Doctrine of the Church - (John McCall)

### Thursday

Lift Team Training (Julius Thompson)  
Doctrine of the Church (John McCall)  
Mission Opportunities for Volunteers (Jan Cossitt)  
Grandparenting by Grace - Overview (Horace Kerr)  
Senior Adult Leadership Training (Greg McNeece)  
Fun with Sr. Adults (Glenn Shows, Jan Halford)  
Preschool/Children Ministers Forum (David Morrow, Mary Ann Jacob, Betty Coward)  
Sr. Adult Rally (Greg McNeece and Glenn Shows)

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Friday, August 11, 1995

9 a.m. - noon

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#### Antioch Baptist Church

Columbus, Miss.

Friday, August 11, 1995

6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday, August 12, 1995

9 a.m. - noon



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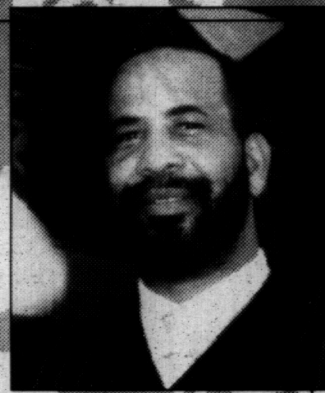
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8-22	FBC, Greenville (General WMU and Women on Mission leaders only)	2-4 p.m.

### TRAINING FOR ALL LEADERS

8-22	FBC, Greenville	7-9 p.m.
8-28	West Heights, Pontotoc	7-9 p.m.
8-29	FBC, Coffeeville	7-9 p.m.
9-5	Hopewell, Bude	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9-7	FBC, Glendale	7-9 p.m.
9-9	Calvary, Hattiesburg	10:30-noon
9-11	Arm, Silver Creek	6:30-8:30 p.m.
9-14	Arkadelphia, Bailey	7-9 p.m.
9-18	Keownville, New Albany	7-9 p.m.
9-19	Assoc. Office, Amory	7-8:30 p.m.
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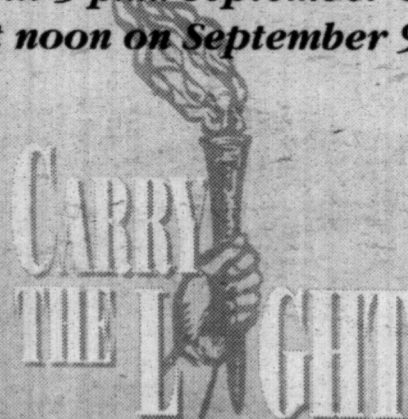
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Mississippi College will host a Preaching Conference on Aug. 14-15 as part of its first-ever Institute for Christian Leadership.

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## Revival Results

**Furrs, Pontotoc:** June 26-30; Jerry Swimmer, Iuka, evangelist; seven professions of faith; Walter Simmons, pastor.

**Harmony, Crystal Springs:** July 16-20; Danny Lanier, Little Rock, evangelist; Hal Thompson, music; 43 professions of faith; Clark Stewart, pastor.

**Mt. Carmel, Edinburg:** June 18-23; James Messer, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Johnny Eubanks, Freney, music; five professions of faith; Kim Wolverton, pastor.

sor of Christian Studies and Philosophy and director of the Institute of Christian Leadership at the college, will lead the conference.

Bryson, the author of several books, most recently authored the Bryson



**Expository Preaching: The Art of Preaching Through a Bible Book.**

Registration for the conference, with notebook, is \$10 per person; with meals, \$20 per person; and with meals and text, \$50 per person.

The conference will consist of three one-hour sessions on techniques, as well as three one-hour sessions on sermons from Ephesians. Dormitory rooms are available on a limited basis. For more information or to register, call Bryson at (601) 925-3297.

Thursday, August 10, 1995

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# Just for the Record



Highland Church, Crystal Springs, held Deacon Appreciation Day on June 11. Each deacon was recognized and presented a certificate of appreciation. On June 10 the deacons and their wives were given a banquet by Bill Hudson and his wife. The deacons received ministry pins and bookmarks were presented to their wives. Pictured (from left) are Hudson, Roy Whittington, Tommy Courtney, Leonard Bagley, Jerry McGee, Walter McGee, Terry Rials, and Randy White. Inactive deacons not pictured are Lionel Berry, Vernon Bennett, and Chuck Lenard.

**Graceway Church, Jackson,** will host guest speaker **Tom Nettles**, professor of church history at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill., in its 6 p.m. service on Aug. 13. Nettles has served on the faculty at Southwest-

ern and MidAmerica seminaries. For more information, call Graceway at (601) 371-6831. Thomas Winn is pastor.

**Lamar Association Seminary Extension** Department will offer the following courses this fall:

Ministry to the Terminally Ill, Studies in Amos, and Biblical Backgrounds. Registration will be 7 p.m. on Aug. 31 at Lamar Baptist Conference Center. Classes will meet at 7 p.m. each Thursday beginning on Sept. 7. For further information contact Glenn Davis at (601) 758-4738 or 758-4589.

**Amy Marie Albritton of Jackson**, a senior music major at Mississippi College, will be presented in her senior voice recital on Aug. 10 at 8:15 p.m. in Aven Auditorium. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Albritton, former pastor of McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl.

**Kolola Springs, Caledonia**, will host the Faith Singers from Memphis in the 11 a.m. worship service on Aug. 13. Don Harding is pastor.

**Mt. Moriah Church, Bogue Chitto**, met and exceeded its Home Missions goal of \$4,500 by \$57.18. Danny Moss is pastor.

## Rudolph E. Paine, Vicksburg minister, dies of heart attack

Rudolph E. Paine, 68, a Baptist minister and founding pastor of Southside Church and Christian School, Vicksburg, died of a heart attack July 31. Funeral service was held Aug. 3.

A native and lifelong resident of Vicksburg, he attended Clarke College and Mississippi College, where he received the bachelor of arts degree with a double major in Bible and physics. He also received the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

Paine is survived by his wife Doris Blount Paine of Vicksburg; daughters, Charlotte Couth and Vickey White, both of Vicksburg; three grandchildren; brother Joseph O. Paine of Natchez; sisters Grace Wunsch of Baton Rouge, La., Hattie Ryan of Zaneville, Ohio, Janie Metzen of Vicksburg, Katherine Nichols of Olive Branch, and Mary Baland of Amarillo, Texas; and a number of nieces and nephews.

## Associate pastor of Jackson's Northminster Church dies

Barbara Ann Oliver, 38, associate pastor for childhood and adult education at Northminster Church, Jackson, died of leukemia on Aug. 3.

Services were held Aug. 5 at Northminster Church with burial

in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Oliver, an Elizabethton native, moved to Jackson in May 1991 from Birmingham, Ala., where she served at Brookwood Church.

She was a graduate of East Tennessee State University and Southern Seminary.

Roger Paynter, Northminster pastor, said 30 church members were leaving Aug. 6 to work on a Habitat for Humanity project in Honduras. "That was an outgrowth of a vision that Barbara brought to the church," he said. "It was congruent with the spirit she brought to us. She was a wonderful colleague, a very fine preacher."

Survivors include her mother Billie J. Oliver of Elizabethton, one brother, and one sister.

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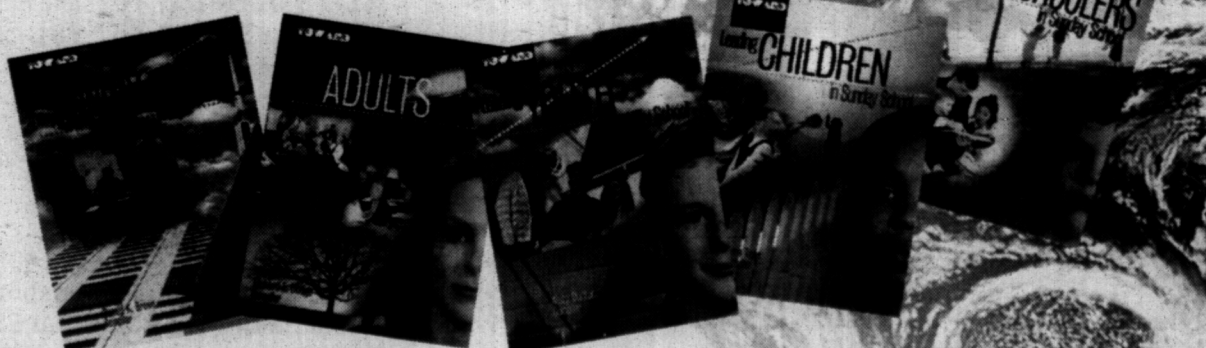
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## Revival Dates

**Clear Branch (Lincoln):** Aug. 13-16; Sunday, dedication of new sanctuary in 11 a.m. service; dinner on grounds; afternoon service after lunch; 7 p.m. nightly; speakers, Talmadge Smith, Lincoln Association DOM, Sunday; Bendon Ginn, Monday; Chip Henderson, Tuesday; Rick Byargeon, Wednesday; Charles Owens, music; Clint Presley, pastor.

**Mt. Zion (Rankin):** Aug. 13-16; Sunday, 11 a.m., noon dinner; afternoon service; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Emerson Tedder, Pearl, evangelist; Kevin Crain, Louisville, Ky., music; Tommy Bufkin, pastor.

**Salem, Raymond:** Aug. 13-16; Sunday, homecoming; 11 a.m. service; covered dish dinner in fellowship hall, 12 p.m.; revival, 7 nightly; Matt Buckles, Madison, evangelist; Mark Manning, New Orleans, music; Lee Kirk, pastor.

**Sallis (Attala):** Aug. 13-18; Sunday, 11 a.m., covered dish dinner, and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Mark Wicker, evangelist; Thomas Wicker, pastor.

**First, Sumrall:** Aug. 27-30; Sunday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-

Wed., noon and 7 p.m.; W. D. "Step" Martin, Shreveport, La., evangelist; Ronnie Cottingham, Lucedale, music; Glenn Davis, pastor.

**Euclatubba, Saltillo:** Aug. 13-17; 7 p.m.; R.J. Wilemon, evangelist; Johnny Hearn, pastor.

**Kilmichael, Kilmichael:** Aug. 13-16; Ed Gandy, evangelist; Tommy Gillon, music; Gary White, pastor.

**Concord, Ackerman:** Aug. 14-18; 7:30 p.m.; Terrel Stringer, Murphy Creek, evangelist; Randy Eaves, Louisville, music; Roger Griffith, pastor.

**Bethesda, Terry:** Aug. 13-16; Sunday, 11 a.m.; 7 p.m. nightly; Chris Aldridge, Bogue Chitto, evangelist; Rusty Dulaney, Bethesda, music; Marty Wilson, pastor.

**French Camp (Choctaw):** Aug. 13-16; 7:30 p.m.; Keith Sanders, pastor; Kevin Waldrup, music; Samantha Collins, pianist.

**New Hope, Sumrall:** Aug. 13-17; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.; weekdays, 7 p.m.; Tommy Dob-

bins, Donalsonville, Ga., evangelist; Daniel Lee, Hattiesburg, music; George Gerald Aultman, pastor.

**Pilgrim's Rest:** Aug. 13-16; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Marion "Bubba" Dees, Columbus, evangelist; Andy Doty, McCool, music; Walter Hines, pastor.

**Phalti, Pachuta:** Aug. 13-16; homecoming, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Donnell Brown, Jasper, Ala., former pastor, evangelist; Howard Bennett, pastor, music.

**Westwood, Meridian:** Aug. 27-30; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., noon lunch and 7 p.m.; John "Bull" Bramlett, Memphis, evangelist; Jeff Fields, Meridian, music; David R. Mitchell Jr., pastor.

**Jayess, Jayess:** Aug. 28-30; 7 p.m.; John Wilton, evangelist; Lonnie Case, Jayess pastor, music.

**First, Shannan:** Sept. 10-13; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Steve Bain, Tupelo, evangelist; Jim Armstrong, Tupelo, music; Mark Cayson, pastor.

## Former NOBTS president Leo Eddleman dies in Ky.

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP) — **Henry Leo Eddleman**, former president of New Orleans Seminary, died July 28 at his home in Middletown, Ky. He was 84. Eddleman was president of New Orleans Seminary from 1959 to his retirement in 1970. The funeral was Aug. 1 in Louisville, Ky., with burial Aug. 2 in Morristown, Tenn. Eddleman was born in Morgantown, Miss., the son of Richard A. and Lucille Power Eddleman. He graduated from Mississippi College in 1932.

After receiving his master's degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., he was a missionary in Palestine for six years.

## Homecomings

**Hebron (Yazoo):** Aug. 13; 11 a.m., dinner on the grounds, and afternoon services; Fuller Saunders, interim pastor.

**First, Yazoo City:** Aug. 13; 11 a.m. service; dinner, noon; 1:30 p.m. service; no night service; Ken Hall, Columbus, former minister of students from 1983-89, morning speaker; David Raddin, pastor.

**Galilee First, Gloster:** Aug. 18-20; Fri. and Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and covered dish dinner at noon; Odus Jackson, Morton, guest speaker; Sammy Smith, pastor.

**D'Lo (Simpson):** Aug. 20; Eugene Roberts, former pastor, guest speaker; Bob Harris, music; lunch following morning service; "Obadiah," 1:30 p.m. service; Robert Sones, pastor.

**Bethany, Bay Springs:** Aug. 20; worship, 11 a.m.; covered dish dinner, noon; service, 1:30 p.m.; Don

Mathis, Liberty, guest speaker; Eddie M. Brady, pastor.

**Juniper Grove (Pearl River):** Aug. 13; 140th anniversary; Leon Dunn, Hammond, La., evangelist; Phil Hanberry, pastor.

**Concord, Ackerman:** Aug. 13; 10 a.m.; Walker Wood, guest speaker; covered dish dinner in fellowship hall; no night service; Roger Griffith, pastor.

**Calvary, Yazoo City:** Aug. 13; 50th anniversary; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; covered dish dinner, 11:30 a.m.; singing and fellowship after lunch; Wayne Kimbrough, Jackson, former pastor from Sept. 1977 until Aug. 1984, guest speaker.

## Names in the News



**Ephesus Church**, Scott County, honored **Kenneth Jones** and his wife on their 25th anniversary at Ephesus Church. Jones served his first pastorate at Ephesus Church from 1955-60. He has been at Ephesus Church for a total of 30 years. He also served as pastor at Hebron Church, Meridian, Calvary, Vicksburg, and New Ireland, Union.

**Roxie Church, Roxie**, will honor **J.C. Graves** with the title pastor emeritus on Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. There will be a reception for Graves and his wife Mary Ann in the fellowship hall at that time. Graves was baptized, ordained, and licensed by Roxie Church. He pastored 28 years in the surrounding area. He recently retired and is available for interim and supply work. The Graveses may be reached at (601) 322-7783.

**Former Mississippi pastor Rick Cagle** has been appointed to the position of special assistant to the president of the University of Mobile. Cagle served as pastor of

First Church, Lumberton, 1980-81, and associate pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, 1978-80.

**Wilson Arthur Hogan**, native of Hattiesburg, died June 14 in Pensacola, Fla. Hogan was a graduate of Mississippi College and Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. After seminary he returned to Mississippi where he pastored churches in Florence, Star, Decatur, and Bay Springs. He also served as state pastor/advisor to the Baptist Student Union. Hogan later pastored several churches in Alabama and Florida before retiring in 1972. He was preceded in death by his first wife Nilda King Hogan and son Wilson Jr. Hogan is survived by his wife Violet, two daughters, two brothers, six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**William Brooks Alexander III** received the master of divinity degree in pastoral ministries on July 28 at New Orleans Seminary. Alexander, a Home Mission Board church planter apprentice in St. Louis, Mo., is married to the former **Cathy Adams** of Yazoo City. He is the son of William and Belle Alexander of Cleveland. His home church is First, Cleveland. He holds the bachelor of arts degree in history from Mississippi College and the juris doctor degree in law from the University of Mississippi.

**Maidie Pearl Combs Booth**, wife of former Mississippi pastor Thurman Booth, died June 29. She was 64. A native of Columbia, Mrs. Booth and her husband served churches in Gillsburg,

Osyka, Terry, and Iuka, as well as several churches in Louisiana. Survivors include a sister, three sons, seven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Mississippian Tom Cox** was elected president of the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists at the recent Southern Baptist Convention. Cox was ordained by Corinth Church, Nicholson. He attended Clarke College, New-



Cox

**Lizzie Chambers Blanton**, 85, died of pneumonia June 21 at Methodist Medical Center in Jackson. The Hillsboro native was a member of Alta Woods Church, Jackson, and was the widow of former pastor William Clarence Blanton. Survivors include a son Bill of Stone Mountain, Ga.; daughter Lynda Loyd of Jackson; sisters Lucy Mae Riser of Greenville and Annie Bell Lay of Jackson; and two grandchildren.

**Myron C. Noonkester**, associate professor of history at William Carey College, has recently been invited to contribute to the **Encyclopedia of Historians and Historical Writing** to be published by Fitzroy Dearborn of London. Noonkester's entry in the **Encyclopedia** concerns historian Samuel Rawson Gardiner.

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## Uniform Only God can protect



By Andy Brasher  
Isaiah 7, 2 Kings 16

Fear is the most debilitating of all human emotions. It's the basis for all our insecurities. From a psychological analysis, fear can be learned — like the phobias of water and heights — or fear can be prompted by changing situations in life. Generally, some combination of the two affect how, when, and what we fear.

Yet, in spite of our fears, God presents us with security in life, but we, his people, must respond in faith to him. If we would only remember and practice Isaiah 7:4, "Take heed, and be quiet, fear not," how much better off we would be. In this week's lesson, God offers security in order to calm Ahaz's fear of Israel's and Syria's invading armies (7:1-2), but Ahaz refuses God's offer, thus bringing judgment upon himself and Judah.

**Isaiah's message, God's offer, and Ahaz's refusal (7:3-12).** Syria and Israel had formed an alliance against the menace of a revived Assyrian Empire. These two nations were determined to bring Judah into their coalition, even if it meant deposing Ahaz as king. To bring their plot to an end would mean the military invasion of Judah and the placement of a puppet king in Jerusalem. God assures Ahaz that this overt action would fail and that both Syria and Israel would be broken. To reassure Ahaz, God proposes to give him a sign, but Ahaz quickly and unexpectedly refuses (7:12).

One can only speculate that Ahaz had either already decided to seek diplomatic relations with Assyria (2 Kings 16:7-9) before speaking with Isaiah, or he had no confidence in God's promise of protection. Either way, Ahaz's decision was based more on pragmatism than faith. What do you base your decisions on — pragmatism or faith?

**God's sign and promise of judgment (7:13-25).** Ahaz had developed a prideful, false sense of security, and God was left with no choice but to extend to him a sign of judgment. The sign of God's judgment was the birth of a son, and his name would be Immanuel.

In all honesty, exactly what Isaiah meant is debatable. The word "virgin" (*alahmah*) used in this passage could possibly mean "young woman" or "virgin." In a sense, the language suggests that the prophesied child would be born in the immediate and not distant future. Nevertheless, what is important is the name. The name Immanuel literally means "God with us." Let me say without a doubt, I do believe this to be a prophecy concerning the Messiah, Jesus Christ (Matt. 1:2). However, the emphasis here is not the future Messiah, but the fact that God is with us whether he is judging or blessing!

God then tells Ahaz that his troubles will be from the hands of the Assyrians and the Egyptians. It is also clear that God is directing the actions of these two pagan nations to bring about the destruction of Judah (v. 18). Ahaz's lack of faith prompted God's judgment.

**Ahaz accepts Assyrian worship (2 Kings 16:10-20).** Finally, in order for Ahaz to solidify diplomatic ties with Assyria, he ordered that the temple altar be deliberately discarded and a new altar fashioned in order to placate the worship of the Assyrian king. The desecration of temple articles was performed without argument from Uriah, the high priest. All of these evil and unholy acts were done so security would be achieved — security gained through human reason rather than through submissive faith. It was a security that was temporary, at best.

Let this lesson be learned: reason brings about a false sense of security; faith and obedience to God produces a real security and a blanket of protection.

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## Bible Book Solution to evil shepherds



By Larry McDonald  
Ezekiel 34

The shepherds of Israel were those responsible for providing leadership. They were the kings and their officials, as well as the prophets and priests. These shepherds were more than military-political leaders. They bore a primary responsibility for the moral and spiritual direction of the nation.

The shepherds were failing in their responsibility (vv. 2-6). Ezekiel brought three accusations against them. First, the shepherds were cruelly exploiting the people under their care. They only used the people for their own selfish ends (vv. 2-3). Second, the shepherds did not take special care of those in need, the helpless members of society. Rather, they met weakness and injury with callous cruelty (v. 4). Third, because of the lack of positive moral or spiritual leadership from the shepherds, the people wandered from the Lord and became prey to idolatry and immorality (vv. 5-6). Because of this, God declared that he was against these shepherds.

God did not leave Israel without care. He declared that he would be their shepherd (vv. 15-16, 22). The title "shepherd" was one of the oldest designations used for God and appeared in Genesis 49:24. Perhaps the best known example of his shepherd image was that presented by David in Psalm 23. First-person promises abound in verses 11-16. God repeatedly promised, "I will" go after them, and "I will" meet the needs of my people. There are 25 such promises in this and the following paragraphs of the chapter. These promises included elements of judgment as well as deliverance.

In verses 23-24, Ezekiel introduces the messianic Shepherd who would come from David's family. This coming Shepherd was a fulfillment of the promise made in the Davidic covenant in 2 Samuel 7:16. This covenant was to establish an everlasting throne of David. Jesus was the fulfillment of this as he said, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11).

Ezekiel concludes this series of messages with the Lord's promise of a "covenant of peace" with his people (v. 25). This is what Jeremiah called the "new covenant" (Jer. 31:31). It was peace with God that humanity lost through sin (Gen. 3:15; 4:8). Because of God's love for us he sent his Son to live on this earth. Jesus lived a sinless life and voluntarily gave it up on the cross. We deserved that death for our sins but he died as a substitute for us. His death atoned or covered our sins as we trust in his work on the cross. There was no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of Jesus' blood. Peace with God can be a reality by putting our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1).

Leslie B. Flynn told a story that illustrates a great truth. An orphaned boy was living with his grandmother when their house caught fire. The grandmother, trying to get upstairs to rescue the boy, perished in the flames. The boy's cries for help were finally answered by a man who climbed an iron drain pipe and came back down with the boy hanging tightly to his neck. Several weeks later, a public hearing was held to determine who would receive custody of the child. A farmer, a teacher, and the town's wealthiest citizen all gave the reasons they felt they should be chosen to give the boy a home. But as they talked, the lad's eyes remained focused on the floor. Then a stranger walked to the front and slowly took his hand from his pockets, revealing severe scars on them. As the crowd gasped, the boy cried out in recognition. This was the man who had saved his life. His hands had been burned when he climbed the hot pipe. With a leap the boy threw his arms around the man's neck and held on for dear life. The other men silently walked away, leaving the boy and his rescuer alone. Those marred hands had settled the issue. And so it is with Jesus. His nail-pierced hands remind us that he has rescued us from sin and its deadly consequences.

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## Life and Work Guide for relationships



By Bob Rogers  
Colossians 3:17 — 4:6

God made humans in such a way that we need healthy relationships for emotional fulfillment. Colossians 3:17-4:6 describes ideal Christian relationships in the home, on the job, and with the lost.

**The greatest relationship (3:17).** Our greatest fulfillment is found in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Thus, verse 17 sets the stage for the discussion of relationships by reminding us that whatever we do must be done "in the name of the Lord Jesus."

**Relationships in the home (3:18-21).** In four verses, Paul says a mouthful about relationships in the home. Ephesians 5:21-33 elaborates more fully on the same subject. "Wives, submit to your husbands" (v. 18) should not be taken to mean that the wife is the husband's slave nor that she has less value. Wives are to "submit," whereas children are to "obey" (v. 20).

Also, Jesus submitted to his parents (Luke 2:51) and to the heavenly Father (1 Cor. 15:28), but he was greater than his earthly parents and equal in divinity to his heavenly Father.

Ephesians 5:21 reminds both husbands and wives to submit to one another. But the wife is told to submit in a special sense, because she is to defer to her husband as the leader of the home. A wife who criticizes or ridicules her husband in public, for example, or makes major decisions affecting the family without his consent, has failed to submit.

"Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them" (v. 19). Today, wife abuse is a national scandal. Beyond physical abuse, many husbands fail to meet the emotional needs of their wives by neglecting to say "I love you," and forgetting romantic gestures such as flowers or taking her out to eat. Ephesians 5:25-32 admonishes the husband to love his wife like Christ loved the church. Only then will she have a desire to submit.

Children are commanded to obey their parents in verse 20, and fathers are ordered not to "embitter" (exasperate, provoke to anger) their children in verse 21. These two verses give a balanced treatment of the parent-child relationship.

Lax parental discipline has produced a generation which is defiant toward teachers, the police, and even God. On the other hand, child abuse has left emotional scars on many children (the National Center for Health said in 1991 that three out of 10 children are verbally abused, emotionally abused, or neglected).

**Relationships on the job (3:22-4:1).** Paul writes more about the relationship between slaves and masters than he does about the family, because the slave Onesimus (4:9) was traveling with Tychicus to deliver the Colossian letter and also the letter to Philemon, Onesimus's master, from whom Onesimus had run away.

Although the curse of slavery is gone, the principles given here also apply to the relationships between employees and employers. Employees should do their very best, "as working for the Lord" (v. 23), because as Christians they represent the Lord. Employers must pay fair wages because they "have a Master in heaven" (4:1).

Having a bad boss is no excuse for not working hard nor is having an incompetent employee an excuse for not giving adequate benefits. Slavery was certainly not just, but Christian slaves were told to do right. We should do no less when we are in difficult circumstances.

**Relationships with the lost (4:2-6).** Relationships with the spiritually lost must be prepared by prayer. Verses 3-4 are a model prayer for us to use in praying for our pastors and missionaries, but it also applies to any Christian witness. Pray for open doors of opportunity, and pray for the witness to be clear, not confusing.

Once the opportunity comes, Paul advises in verse 5 that we make the most of it. This is the meaning behind "redeeming the time" in the King James Version. The Latin phrase *carpe diem*, "seize the day," captures this idea.

Seizing the opportunity does not mean obnoxious approaches that turn people off. "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt" (v. 6). We can make our witness attractive by investing time in a loving relationship and gently leading lost people to see their need.

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**LEWIS SAYS HMB DOES NOT ENDORSE CBF CHAPLAINS:** ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (BP) — The Home Mission Board Chaplains Commission has not and will not endorse any Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) chaplaincy candidates, according to HMB President Larry Lewis. Lewis was responding to news media reports from the recent annual meeting of the CBF in Fort Worth, where an official said CBF chaplaincy candidates have been endorsed by the HMB. "The Chaplains Commission endorses persons who are active members of cooperating Southern Baptist churches and meet the qualifications for endorsement. We do not endorse chaplains for the CBF or any other para-denominational group," Lewis told Baptist Press.

**WOMAN FIRED IN ORDINATION FLAP SUES CONVENTION:** GALVESTON, Texas (ABP) — A woman fired from her job as a Texas Baptist Student Union director after being ordained to the gospel ministry is suing her former employer, claiming gender discrimination. The woman, Raye Nell Dyer, 44, who now lives in Houston, was removed from her campus ministry position at University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston because of controversy over her ordination. Later, after turning down a demotion, she was terminated by the General Convention of Texas, her employer for 10 years. The suit, filed July 17 in Galveston County district court, names as defendants the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Galveston Association, and Jack Greever, who recently resigned as the Texas convention's director of student work.

**PROCTER & GAMBLE RUMOR BEGINS AGAIN:** BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — The old rumor linking Procter & Gamble to Satanism is once again making its rounds in Southern Baptist churches. And as before, there's no truth to it. In recent days the **Baptist and Reflector**, newjournal of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, has received calls about a letter urging people not to purchase Procter & Gamble products because of the company's support of Satanism. According to the latest rumor, the president of Procter & Gamble appeared on the Phil Donahue talk show in March and said he supported Satanism. "None of this is true," according to P&G spokeswoman Elaine Matthews. "The president of P&G has never appeared on any talk show to discuss Satanism," Matthews said the latest rumor is a variation of "the lie that was spread in 1981-82, 1984-85, and 1990."

**SACS AFFIRMS "GOOD STANDING" OF SWBTS:** FORT WORTH (BP) — A recent evaluation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) affirmed Southwestern Seminary's standing with the accreditation agency. According to David Carter, associate executive director of SACS' Commission on Colleges, "Southwestern remains as a member in good standing" with SACS, an agency of more than 800 institutions. Carter is the SACS representative of the team which did an intensive and extensive study of the seminary in early May. It was the most recent visit of an accreditation team to the seminary's Fort Worth campus.

**RELIGIOUS ROUNDTABLE PLANS '96 NATIONAL AFFAIRS BRIEFING:** MEMPHIS (ABP) — The organization that publicly tied the knot between Ronald Reagan and the Religious Right in 1980 plans to hold a major national forum next January in an attempt to influence the 1996 presidential election. Ed McAteer, a Baptist layman from Memphis and president of the Religious Roundtable, has announced plans for another National Affairs Briefing Jan. 19-20, 1996. All candidates for president will be invited to address the crowd, which could top 22,000 people, McAteer said. The forum will be "educational" in nature and "we will not endorse any candidates," he said. McAteer said the two-day event also will feature addresses by prominent "family values" speakers such as Jerry Falwell, Adrian Rogers, Gary Bauer, James Kennedy, Richard Land, Ralph Reed, Phyllis Schlafly, and Don Wildmon.

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This week's clue: O equals N.

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Hebrews Thirteen: Twelve.

# Baptist Congress celebrates Christ's hope, unity, diversity

BUENOS AIRES (ABP) — The president of Argentina told Baptists from around the globe Aug. 1 that they, like his country, have a unity based on diversity.

President Carlos Menem led a delegation of dignitaries to welcome Baptists from more than 100 countries to the opening session of the 17th Baptist World Congress in Buenos Aires, the Argentine capital.

The event drew 8,000 people even though the official registration was 5,500. The opening session featured worship, Argentine culture, and a colorful roll call of nations.

"Brothers and sisters, I am here tonight not only as president of Argentina but as a man sensitive to religious values," Menem, a Catholic, said through an interpreter.

He said he made the commitment to attend months before he knew he would be re-elected in the country's May 14 election. Had he lost his re-election bid, Menem said, "I wanted to be here with you" anyway to celebrate the hope found in Christ.

Along with a host of others, Menem welcomed worldwide Baptists to his country — one which

sports religious diversity. People of all faiths live together harmoniously because of the "divine message of tolerance," he said.

Through its laws and society, Argentina promotes freedom of religion and freedom of conscience, Menem said. The president said he "is absolutely con-



vinced" no rights can exist "when the soul is not protected."

Other speakers echoed Menem's themes of unity and diversity, as well as the bedrock Baptist belief in religious liberty.

Juan Calcagni, president of Argentine Baptists, told the participants from six continents that hosting the congress was a dream come true. He also assured Menem they would pray that God would use him.

"We (Argentines) have a destiny

of greatness and may God bless you," Calcagni said to his president.

He added he is grateful his country's constitution provides for religious freedom.

"We couldn't go without the freedom of religion that we have here in Argentina, which is part of our essence in the nation," Calcagni said.

Knud Wumpelmann, BWA president, said, "We are here, first of all, to celebrate the son of the King of kings... because we are convinced that he is the hope of the world."

Wumpelmann said that many people in the world are in danger of losing life and hope.

"It is our sincere prayer that the hope which only Jesus can give may be more visible to many people in Buenos Aires during this congress."

Daniel Tiniao, pastor of the Once Baptist Church in Buenos Aires, preached a sermon celebrating Christ as Lord of the nations.

"The God of all religions reveals himself supremely in Jesus Christ," Tiniao said. "The faith in Jesus Christ is not one more religion. It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."

Baptists "respect all religions and recognize all the good that each religion has and contributes," he said. But even more, Baptists should give their lives to defend the right that everyone has to practice and spread religion, he added.

Nevertheless, the gospel is clear there is only one name by which people can be saved, he said.

Raul Scialabba, chairman of the local arrangements committee, said a great dream of Argentine Baptists became reality with the opening of the congress.

During the roll call of nations, a representative from each member Baptist group marched in national dress. A parade of banners proclaimed the biblical titles for Jesus, while colorful streamers dressed the stage.

The six-day congress, held once every five years, includes Bible studies and more than 50 workshops.



## LifeAnswers

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*My adult son lives at home and spends most of his time in general immorality — drinking, sex, lies, not paying his bills. Where does a parent's responsibility stop for a grown child?*

The nature of a parent, as it is with God, is to try whatever it takes to bring a child to his senses. A parent must sometimes take strong measures to move a child out on his own. The mother eagle plucks down feathers from her own chest to cover the thorny vines she uses to build her nest. When the time comes for her eaglets to leave the nest, she begins to remove the soft feathers so the eaglets feel the thorns rather than the comfort of the soft down feathers. Your job as parent is to get your child to take responsibility for his life. Cease meeting his basic needs such as washing laundry, preparing food, taking phone messages, cleaning his room, etc. Charge him rent and let him buy his own food — maybe even take you out once a week for a meal. You are not wrong to do whatever is necessary to get him out on his own. Be assured, however, that he will be with you as long as your nest is comfortable.

*My husband of 19 years recently had his third adulterous affair. He says he will try to stay away from this woman, but how can I trust him again?*

What does he mean, "... try to stay away..."? Does he mean he will seek counseling for his sexual addiction? Will he get involved in an accountability group? Will he avoid compromising situations, or call you whenever he is tempted? These are some of the actions he could take that will let you know he is trying to change his behavior. How did he "try" after the previous adulteries? If he is intent on doing the right thing, you will know something is different in his life. It is difficult for a man to do this on his own, and he needs more than your help. When this type of behavior is repeated this often, there is a strong indication that something else is at the root of the problem that you as his wife are unable to discover. Strongly encourage him to seek professional Christian counseling. If he refuses counseling, prepare yourself for a reoccurrence of the adultery. In the meantime, you should seek help in dealing with the loss, anger, and grief that you feel.

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